

House Resolution 608

By: Representative Epps of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the 2006-2007 Manchester High School Blue Devils boys basketball team
2 and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through perseverance and iron determination, the Manchester High School Blue
4 Devils boys basketball has completed another spectacular season, posting an amazing final
5 record of 29-3; and

6 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils soared through the state playoffs and, as a fitting finale to their
7 remarkable 2007 campaign, captured the Class AA State Championship; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Blue Devils were composed of the following fine athletes: J.J.
9 Wortham, Tabias Jackson, Trevor Jones, Jamarquis Steverson, David Garrett, Terime
10 Bowles, Dontavious Carter, Zack Warren, Twandre Bell, Rapheal Long, Shavel Kelley,
11 Marco Turner, Marquise Williams, Dantaves Dozier, Gairachious Strozier, Jaleel White, and
12 Keri Walker; and

13 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
14 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
15 member of the team; their superb offensive and defensive talents; and the astute direction of
16 Head Coach Curtis Noble and Coach Danny Garrett; and

17 WHEREAS, the Blue Devils exemplified the virtues of sportsmanship and community spirit,
18 playing alongside their neighbors and fellow champions, the Jordan Red Jackets; and

19 WHEREAS, during Head Coach Noble's four years of leadership at Manchester, the team
20 has lost only one home game, and he holds an overall record of 102-16 at Manchester; and

1 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
2 performing with courage and precision over months of pain and hard work, it is fitting and
3 proper to call them champions.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body commend the Manchester High School Blue Devils boys basketball
6 team for its unparalleled achievements and extend their sincerest best wishes for continued
7 success in the future.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the players and coaches of the Manchester High School
9 Blue Devils are hereby invited to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and
10 time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for the purposes of being recognized by the
11 House of Representatives and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.